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8 May 1957

INTER OFFICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the 36th meeting, held on 1 May 1957 at 1000 hours in room 1521, Barton Hall.

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1. Present:

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[REDACTED] O/SI - Chairman
RSB/SR

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[REDACTED] O/SI - Secretary

2. [REDACTED] reported that the draft revision of the broadcast phases of NSC-169 had been withdrawn from the agenda of the Board Assistants because of a desire of certain members of the Radio Policy Committee to revise it. In view of the likelihood of no immediate action, it was agreed to drop the subject from the regular agenda of the Committee.

3. The RSB/SR has had a member at Ft. Meade, spending time in the several offices concerned with radio frequency usage, for familiarization. It is not yet clear to what extent conflicting demands for machine time for spectrum usage information and for other uses will occur or how they will be resolved, if they do occur.

4. The RSB/SR has arranged a channel to obtain the services of the Navy's Atlantic D/F net for fixes on radio transmissions on request.

5. The Broadcast Evaluation Section has changed its method of producing its monthly statistical report. Through consultation with the RSB/SR, it has been possible to devise a method to obtain certain computations by the IBM machines rather than by hand methods heretofore used in the B.E.S. The size of the monthly report is being drastically reduced by elimination of many detailed tables; a copy of the information for these tables is being provided to each of the broadcasters in the form of an IBM tabulation. The changes are intended to decrease the time lag between the reporting period and the date of publication of the report. The transition has actually introduced some additional delay, but B.E.S. expects to overcome this within two or three months.

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25X1A9a 6. With respect to target area monitoring for broadcast intelligibility, [REDACTED] reported that the subject had been discussed at the meeting of the OCB Board Assistants on 19 April and that [REDACTED] the CIA representative, had reviewed the discussion with the Director and that the Director had requested a briefing paper which would give him the background for the current situation and recommend what action he should take. The Chairman presented a memorandum, dated 25 April, for the Committee from [REDACTED] in which he requested the preparation of the paper. [REDACTED] felt that the DCI should present the problem to the OCB covering the scope of the program, the contribution to be made by the several agencies involved, and establishing a basis for determining priorities as between the several missions which it is expected will be assigned to the monitors. *a chartie*

The ensuing discussion brought out the following points:

a. The concrete proposal might include a recommendation of the agency to undertake the job. CIA would find difficulty in establishing the money and slots and in finding the people to fill them. If CIA is recommended, this will require coordination with Commo and DD/S.

b. The requirement for a technician for broadcast monitoring should be clearly established and should be considered separately in each location in the light of both the need and circumstances at that location.

c. The broadcasting interests of the Agency have been assured by the Director of his sympathy with their requirement for improved target area monitoring.

25X1A9a The Chairman appointed a working group of [REDACTED] to draft the requested paper for the consideration of the Committee.

25X1A9a 7. [REDACTED] presented for the information of the Members a list of telecommunications terms to be included in a proposed glossary under consideration by the EIC. He invited additions or comments.

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Respectfully submitted,

[REDACTED]
Secretary

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